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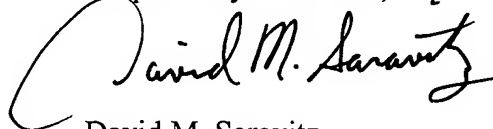
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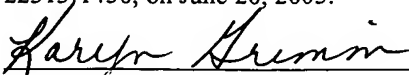
Attached is the original Declaration executed by all of the inventors in the present application. This document is submitted to be filed with and included in the application submitted on February 8, 2005.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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